

ABSTRACT

A data processor includes: a dummy packet processing section, which makes a plurality of dummy packets, each having a dummy identifier, and generates a playback stream including the dummy packets at predetermined intervals; a detecting section for detecting any of the dummy identifiers by scanning the identifiers of the respective packets of the playback stream and then outputting a first detection signal upon detecting a first code, which specifies a data location of a first portion of a given content, and a second detection signal upon detecting a second code, which specifies a data location of a second portion thereof, respectively; a switch, which receives the playback stream and which selectively passes the content data representing the first portion of the content in accordance with the first and second detection signals; and a decoding section for playing back the first portion of the content based on the output of the switch.